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Sunrise Side Tour Successful!

Northern Michigan welcomes Stamas and Allen promoting tourism

(LANSING) – Highlighting history, food, festivals and fun, Sens. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, announced their tourism promotion of the Sunrise Side on July 18-19 was an overwhelming success.

"From the boat ride in Alpena to the Summerfest Chili Cook-Off in Indian River, I was extremely happy with the amount of people that were out enjoying the many tourism opportunities that are available in northern Michigan," Stamas said. "We are still encouraging Michigan residents and out-of-state travelers to discover the many treasures our area has to offer."

The Sunrise Side Tour began on Friday, July 18, in Alpena at the 29th Annual Brown Trout Festival Pancake Breakfast, moving to the marine sanctuary in Alpena, Summerfest in Tawas City, including a lighthouse tour at Tawas Point State Park, a visit to the Flower Garden restaurant in Harrisville, a lighthouse and marina tour in Rogers City, and concluded with Sens. Stamas and Allen as guest judges at the chili cook-off in Indian River. Sen. Stamas then participated in the AlpenFest Parade Saturday, July 19.

"We covered a vast area in just one day on Friday, yet each one of our stops could take an entire weekend for a family to enjoy," Allen said. "I would like to thank all of our hosts for participating in our tour, as well as all the local residents and tourists who came out to join us. Any prospective visitors to the area are sure to share in the relaxing and enjoyable day we spent on the Sunrise Side Tour."